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Jim Irvin
 Commissioner-Chairman
 Renz D. Jennings
 Commissioner
 Carl Kunasek
 Commissioner

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DOCKET NO. E-01345A-97-0773

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY)
 OF UNBUNDLED TARRIFFS PURSUANT TO)
A.A.C. R14-2-1601 et seq.)

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-97-0773

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
 ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR)
 APPROVAL OF ITS PLAN FOR STRANDED)
COST RECOVERY.)

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-98-0473

IN THE MATTER OF COMPETITION IN)
 THE PROVISIONS OF ELECTRIC)
 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE)
OF ARIZONA.)

DOCKET NO. RE-00000-94-165

ACAA TESTIMONY ON APS/TEP SETTLEMENT PROCESS

Q. DOES ACAA SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE SETTLEMENT?

A. ACAA cannot support or oppose the settlement due to the lack of time to adequately review it. However, ACAA does emphatically oppose the settlement process and its "race to the wire" time frame. ACAA asks the Commissioners to allow the parties time and opportunity to review the settlement.

Q. HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS?

A. The settlement process is best characterized by the terms exclusive, closed, and hurried. As a result, smaller parties have not had a reasonable opportunity to participate. Staff has orchestrated a process driven by a timeframe rather than one based upon a robust, inclusive public process. While TEP and APS are the main parties in this process, the fiddler calling the tune and creating the pace in this case is Staff.

Q. WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE REGARDING THE PUBLIC PROCESS?

A. The public has been virtually ignored in this process. The so-called public hearings earlier this November, were scheduled so quickly that ACAA was unable to inform our membership or our constituency. Indeed, the record shows that the only citizen to speak at the Phoenix public hearing complained about the lack of notice and general information. The public is poorly served by this process.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of November, 1998.

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Jim Irvin
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) DOCKET NO. E-01933A-98-0471
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS PLAN FOR STRANDED)
COST RECOVERY AND FOR RELATED)
APPROVALS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND)
WAIVERS.)

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF) DOCKET NO. E-01933A-97-0772
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY OF)
UNBUNDLED TARIFFS PURSUANT TO)
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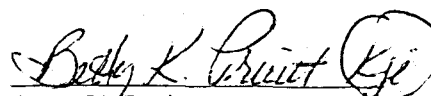
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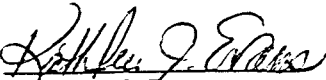
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